

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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MILL GATE PRICE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of the handlooms in the country that have been covered under the Mill Gate Price Scheme;
- (b) the extent to which the scheme has been effective and the reasons for its poor performance;
- (c) the steps taken to extend the scheme to weavers outside the cooperative sector; and
- (d) the measures taken to make the scheme more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) About 4% of the total requirement of yarn in the handloom sector is presently covered under the Mill Gate Price Scheme.
 - (b) National Productivity Council (NPC) retained for evaluation of the scheme came out with the conclusions that the scheme has been helpful in creating employment opportunities, ensuring availability of quality yarn at prices lesser than those charged by the local traders, acting as a deterrent to the extent of flexibility in price fixation enjoyed by the yarn traders, protecting weavers from traders exploitation and highly useful in stabilizing employment in the rural economy. It has positive response on loom productivity and also enabled weavers to have reasonably good wages.
 - (c) Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Association of Weavers, Weavers Societies and NGOs were already covered under the scheme. During the year 2005-06, Master weavers have also been included to obtain yarn and support weavers outside the cooperative fold.
 - (d) Institute for Integrated Learning in Management (IILM), New Delhi has been retained to study for suggesting the rates for reimbursement of freight as well as depot operation charges on objective basis.
- Focused Publicity and enlargement through depot operation are also contemplated.